

MINUTES OF MEETING OF

VBA COUNCIL

HELD Wednesday 21st September 6pm

At the VBA Clubrooms

Present:	J Collins	JMC
	M Petrie	MP
	J Leach	JL
	M Woods	MSW
	B Howe	BEH
	B Stokes	BS
	K Muntz	KJM
	J Hall	MJH
	C Snashall	CES
	D Smith	DS
In Attendance:	C Lachman	CVL
Apologies:	G Chettle	

The meeting opened at 6 pm.

CVL presented her report on the proposal by Box Hill Chess Club to rent the VBA premises. Arie Meydan then attended to answer questions. At the moment the proposal does not fit in with our permit due to the numbers on Friday night, it is to be put aside until we have a new permit and know our new conditions. It was noted that the BHCC would need to use Alex's services for refreshments while he was there, also that a ballpark figure for the rental may be approximately \$6-12,000 pa.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted (moved MJH, seconded BH).

Business arising from the minutes:

- JMC reported on the meeting between council and objectors re our permit. There were 23 objections lodged. The video shop lodged a petition with hundreds of signatures, many of whom were not local residents. Philip Dalton wrote a letter to the VBA re varying the numbers on the permit for Friday and Saturday nights. PD also wants another meeting with the VBA. We may put mirrors on the exit from the car park to minimise risk of accidents with pedestrians. We would pay for a sign in Stewart Street re parking.
- Martin Wilcox has volunteered to approach the ABF re the Paul Lavings subsidy - no news as yet.

President's Report.

- Paul Lavings is happy to do his lecture series again next year – covering one area of the state before the VCC, another later.

Managers Report (Administration report).

- Thanks to BEH for painting over the graffiti on the fence.

Financial Reports.

- We are going to have an approximate \$92k loss this financial year. This was caused by David Costelloe's remuneration and expenses, ANC expenses (not covered by a provision this year), permit expenses, and unpaid accounts from last year. It is expected that we should break even or better next year.

Secretaries report. No further correspondence.

Business Plan for separation of State functions.

- MP presented his first Business Plan and Budget.
- BEH presented his report on VBA functions.
- It was suggested that an affiliation fee be set for those clubs who want to be affiliated, and that we could get submissions from clubs about how they want things run.
- MP said clubs want:
 1. Justification for paying the capitation fee.
 2. A say in how bridge is run in Victoria.
- There was discussion on how to show how VBA costs are divided between State and Club matters. BS suggested we show VBA as 2 separate accounts.
- Since these matters are complex and will involve a lot of time a committee is to be formed to look at them. Committee to consist of JMC, MP, BS, BEH, DS and MJH. The committee will report back to the next VBA Council meeting.

Other Business.

- KJM and MSW agreed to convene the VBA Summer Congress.
- The excellent work done by Margaret Yuill on the VBA web site was noted. There is much more content and support for Affiliated Clubs. Clubs can send information to MY and she will put it on the VBA web site. There is still a lot of work to be done. DS suggested a letter of appreciation be sent to MY (MSW to write).
- JL agreed to be the 'intrepid reporter' to get material to put on the web and in the newsletter so there is a regular turnover of reports and photographs.
- JMC noted that we have stopped providing refreshments at the end of competitions. No-one volunteered to do this. Has been put on hold.

- The AGM is currently scheduled for a Monday (revenue producing) night. MP moved, DS seconded that it be moved to a Tuesday night. All in favour.
- JL reported on Youth Bridge. She has written to schools, they are worried about insurance, they cannot leave students with someone who is not a qualified teacher. It may be easier to have a program at the VBA than to go into schools. MP mentioned that De La Salle has a small bridge group running. JH suggested that schools could be approached through the extension and gifted program.
- BEH noted that Next Tuesday (27/9) is to be the Virtual Bridge day.

Next Meeting: Wednesday October 19th, 6pm.

7.15 pm. Meeting closed.